

Delta e-News

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This electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on issues affecting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Contact us at delta@water.ca.gov

State Grange schedules Delta symposium for Oct. 15 in Sacramento

The California State Grange will hold a Water Symposium on the California Delta at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15. It will be held as part of the annual State Grange convention in Sacramento. Among those scheduled to speak are Rita Schmidt Sudman of the Water Education Foundation; Keith Coolidge, deputy director of the CALFED Bay Delta Program; Jason Peltier, chief deputy director of Westlands Water District; Zeke Grader, executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations; and Mike Robinson, a Delta farmer and chairman of the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Delta Committee. [You can find more information on the Grange Web site.](#)



Governor signs bill for Delta emergency response; OKs \$842 million for drought

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday signed SB 27 requiring the Office of Emergency Services to establish an interagency Multi-Hazard Coordination Task Force that would develop an emergency response strategy for the Delta. He also signed three other water bills and OK'd an \$842 million appropriation (SBx2.1) that will help water agencies address the current drought and help invest in water supply reliability. [Read more.](#)



Lower Yolo Bypass panel will meet Oct. 7 to OK charter, rules

The Lower Yolo Bypass Planning Forum will hold its third meeting on Oct. 7. The panel will finalize its charter and operating rules, and discuss these issues: The history and effect of the Deepwater Ship Channel on the Bypass as a flood conveyance facility; state-of-the-science topographic data; and hydrologic modeling tools used for the Bypass. [The meeting agenda, location, and project background information can be found online here.](#)

DWR flood center sets coordinating sessions in Sacramento, Stockton

The Department of Water Resources Flood Operations Center will host two Preseason Flood Coordination Meetings – Oct. 15 in Sacramento and Oct. 16 in Stockton – for water managers, emergency responders, and managers that deal with flood preparedness and response. The meetings will include an overview of weather conditions and a Flood Operations Center update. For more information contact Wendy Stewart at wstewart@water.ca.gov or (916) 574-2619. [Or see the agenda here.](#)

Public invited to comment on scope of Franks Tract environmental report

The California Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation propose to install gates in Threemile Slough or West False River, or both, to protect fish and to reduce salinity intrusion into the Delta. The two agencies must prepare an environmental report on the project. The public is invited to comment on the scope of the report at four public meetings: In Sacramento on Oct. 6; Rio Vista, Oct. 7; Antioch, Oct. 8; and Stockton, Oct. 9. [Details can be found here.](#)

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